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Public input required

High school configuration. Board wants community voice

After a lengthy debate about configuration of high schools for grades 9 to 12, the Halifax Regional School Board voted on Wednesday night to place a greater emphasis on public input when looking at changes.

During its monthly meeting, the board discussed new information brought forward by staff about the impact of grade configuration on student success.

Staff adviser Elwin LeRoux presented the report, which surveyed students, parents and teachers from three

Grade 6 to 9 schools and one Grade 9 to 12 school — Lockview High School — about their experiences.

"It's very difficult to get exact academic information on 'Will my child do better in a Grade 6 to 8 or a Grade P to 6,'" LeRoux said. "There's information that says it's more important to talk about what's happening in the classroom."

"First-wave quality instruction is what makes the greatest difference."

Grade 9s reported they liked being treated more maturely in the "big school," the variety of extracurriculars and a wider variety of people to fit in with.

The original motion Wednesday referred to allowing Grade 9 to 12 configuration when possible for a high school, but was amended to read that community consultation would be held when changes to configurations are being considered, "which may include boundary reviews, school reviews and facility master planning."

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You, the people

"It was very important ... that they would have a role."

HRSB member Cinty Littlefair on community input on grade configuration



A SONG FOR REHTAEH

Wanda Rose Milne and Keith MacNeil pose for a portrait in Big Leagues Pub in Dartmouth on Wednesday. The pair co-wrote a song about Rehtaeh Parsons titled *Living for Today*, for a new CD being released. Story, page 4. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Rocky Lake Junior High

Amalgamated school gets a brand new name

The original Charles P. Allen High School will reopen its doors in September as Rocky Lake Junior High.

The Halifax Regional School Board approved the name of Bedford's new amalgamated middle school Wednesday night, nearly three months after deciding students from Bedford South and Bedford Junior High should move into C.P. Allen.

The transition committee for the schools had listed Rocky Lake as its top choice out of the 39 submissions from the public.

"These are the people of Bedford that are speaking," said Danielle McNeil-Hessian, director of school administration.

About 80 people submitted name ideas in April, including names of people currently living, but the committee thought there were issues there.

"You may have someone who you don't think has any skeletons in their closet when they do," agreed board member Bridget Boutillier.

The school board debated the name for nearly an hour, with some concerned Rocky Lake sounded too similar to Rockingham and other schools. Other names submitted included Reach the Sky Jr. High as a tribute to Rita MacNeil, Chris Hadfield Jr. High, Han Solo Jr. High, and names of important Bedford residents such as Arthur Lismer and Francine Cosman.

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J.L. Ilsley high-school students, from left, Jenna Kennedy, John Dale, Connor Sampson and Josh Cooke deliver a petition with 5,000 names to Premier Darrell Dexter demanding the province improve the condition of the school. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Teens don't wanna be kickin' it old school

Aging 1970s building.

Thousands of students sign petition delivered to premier, asking to have their school fixed up



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Students at J.L. Ilsley High School are hoping the province approves funding for major renovations to the building to "match the spirit and energy" of the kids who go there.

On Wednesday afternoon, members of the student council

Waiting to be wowed

"When you see the renovated high schools you're thinking, 'Wow, this could be my school, and why isn't it my school?'"

J.L. Ilsley student council co-president Jenna Kennedy

handed a petition of nearly 5,000 names to Premier Darrell Dexter, asking him to approve the \$8-million to \$10-million budget for a full renovation.

"I feel that ... with such a great staff, and such a great study body, the structure doesn't exactly represent us," said Josh Cooke, co-president-elect of the student council.

Bruce Cooke, Josh's dad and chair of the school's renovation

committee, said he organized the petition to showcase J.L.'s issues and to demonstrate how badly the 1971 building needs repairs.

"We've had panes of glass falling into the classroom," Cooke said. "We had a cinder block fall out of the gymnasium wall onto the gym floor."

Josh said kids have gotten used to playing in a gym with a leaky roof — and to buckets

that catch rainwater falling in the classrooms.

After the presentation, Dexter said a petition could make a difference when government decides between close projects.

"I don't think it's a bad thing for a community to want to have a hand in, to say, 'Look, we've kind of earned this project,'" Dexter said.

Connor Sampson, student council co-president-elect, would like to see change before his younger brother in junior high moves up. "I can't wait to get here each morning, but it'd be so much more if you had a facility to match the spirit and the energy (of the people)," he said.

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'Rehtaeh's name will be on it. It's her tune now'

'Hopeful inspiration.'

Track dedicated to bullied Cole Harbour teen included on compilation CD raising money for suicide prevention, mental-health first aid



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A compilation CD of music by Atlantic Canadian artists in support of suicide-prevention training will include a track dedicated to Rehtaeh Parsons.

Living for Today is the creation of local musicians Wanda Rose Milne and Keith MacNeil, written by Milne after a major life upheaval that included the loss of both parents.

"The song is hopeful inspiration, about always being in your moment and not going to the bad place," said Milne from her Chezzetcook home Wednesday.

Milne said it's the message of hope that prompted her to offer it to Compassion Action for the Life Support CD.

Quoted

"I think the reason it's so relevant is that who can't relate to music and who has not experienced music lifting their mood, cheering them up?"

Tylluan O'Shannon, Compassion Action



Glen Canning THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Now every time I sing it, Rehtaeh's name will be on it. It's her tune now," she said.

Milne also reached out to Rehtaeh's father, Glen Canning, who will be the guest of honour at the CD launch at Big Leagues on June 1.

Rehtaeh took her own life in early April, two years after being allegedly gang-raped and then bullied by classmates when a photo of the incident was distributed via social media.

Police are currently investigating the allegations.

The project co-ordinator for Compassion Action says the double CD features tracks donated by Sarah McLachlan, Shawn Hebb, Pat-



A picture of Rehtaeh Parsons is held at a Halifax vigil following the 17-year-old's death. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

rick Murray, Heather Green, Pretty Archie, Jon Mullane and several others.

"We were really moved by how many people wanted to be involved, wanted to do something positive," said Tylluan O'Shannon.

O'Shannon said the CD was in the works before Rehtaeh's death, but the tragedy has drawn additional attention to the issues of teen sui-

cide and child sex abuse.

She said she hopes that results in more positive action among members of the public.

"The bottom line is we want to educate people and we want people to say, instead of getting upset after a tragic event, 'Let's prevent it from happening in the first place,'" said O'Shannon. "This CD can literally save lives, it can fund

Online

Link to the song's video: youtube.com/watch?v=hnwsl6vGaFo

Living for Today

A verse from Living for Today: Are you gonna chase this dream/Or let it pass on by?/Are you gonna figure out/All your whats and whys?/Will you procrastinate/While the coin flips in the air?/Will you tempt your fate?/Will you dare?

us to go anywhere where people are willing to accept the training and ... learn how to be a life saver."

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Halifax police blocked off a section of Gottingen Street in relation to another suspicious package. JEFF HARPER/METRO

No link between five suspicious packages

Another incident.

Latest package shuts down part of Stadacona, Gottingen Street for two hours



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A police spokesperson in Halifax says the recent rash of suspicious packages is "unfortunate" but not significant.

Military police at CFB Halifax-Stadacona shut down three buildings and a portion of Gottingen Street Wednesday to investigate a bag found abandoned near Juno Tower.

"We brought in our explosives-ordnance team out of Shearwater and these folks are experts when it comes to the potential of suspicious packages, bags and/or explosive devices," said Maritime Forces Atlantic public affairs

Protocol

"Once we have a suspicious package, we have protocols that are in place and we have to take the time it takes to make sure it's safe for everybody."

Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Capt. Peter Ryan.

"Not knowing what's in the bag, those experts will size up and evaluate a situation and take the necessary precautions."

Ryan said a remote-controlled robot and water cannon were used on the package and the all-clear was sounded just before 2 p.m.

He couldn't say what was actually in the bag.

"Military police are investigating the contents of the package now ... and they will go forward if necessary, based

on what they find," said Ryan.

It's the fifth suspicious package investigated in Halifax in the last two months, and all were duds.

Social-media users speculated about a connection between the incidents on Wednesday, but a police spokesperson quickly put that theory to rest.

"The only connection we've seen so far is the two at the shipyard," said Const. Pierre Bourdages. "The one on Barrington Street turned out to be concrete samples, the one at West End Mall was a courier that forgot (a package)."

Bourdages said the investigations are time-consuming and disruptive, and may seem excessive — but, he said, police can't take any chances.

"We have to assume the worst all the time and approach it that way," he said. "We can't ... just say, 'Oh, it's only a gym bag, it's only a shopping bag.' We can't be complacent."

Additional charge

A charge of escaping custody against David Joseph Covin was dismissed.

Crime. Sentence imposed for damaging sheriff's van

After spending 52 days on remand, a 50-year-old Halifax man received a sentence of one day in jail served by his presence in court on a charge of mischief in relation to damaging a sheriff's van.

David Joseph Covin was charged after an incident in November 2011 in which the Plexiglas window in a sher-

iff's van was smashed out and those inside attempted to escape.

The incident occurred on Highway 125 in Sydney and the escape was foiled when a Cape Breton Regional Police cruiser was on the same highway at the time, and officers were quickly able to arrive on the scene.

The van was transporting offenders from the main provincial jail in Dartmouth to the Cape Breton Correctional Centre. It is a common practice to sometimes move offenders among the province's jails in a bid to relieve overcrowding or for security reasons. **CAPE BRETON POST**



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Bedford parent furious over claims kids had mouths taped

Bedford South School.

Details of alleged incident released to media four days afterwards

The father of a seven-year-old boy whose mouth was allegedly taped closed by an after-school monitor says school officials in Halifax reacted slowly and incompletely to the incident.

Chris Procnier said on Wednesday that his wife, Jennifer, saw impressions from the tape on the boy's mouth after the alleged incident last Thursday afternoon.

His son was one of 11 students taking part in the Excel after-school program at Bedford South School, Procnier said.

He believes he and other parents should have been informed immediately, even though students weren't in school on Friday because it was a professional-development day.

"Our biggest issue is the lack of response from either the school board or the Excel program. There's been no

Who knew what, when

- Doug Hadley, a spokesman for the Halifax Regional School Board, said some parents were contacted on Friday or over the weekend, but others weren't informed until Tuesday.

indication this is being dealt with properly," he said. "If our kids hadn't told us this was happening, we wouldn't have known."

Procnier said he and his wife heard from three other parents last week that nine other children and their son were lined up for disciplinary action and had the tape placed over their mouths.

"My son said they were speaking out loud, but I'm not sure what the catalyst was ... and there was actual duct tape placed on the kids' mouths for an extended period of time."

He said he is upset that it wasn't until Tuesday that the school called him to a meeting, where he, eight children, other parents, an Excel official and the school principal discussed what happened.



Chris Procnier's son was taking part in the Excel program at Bedford South School when he allegedly had his mouth taped shut. JEFF HARPER/METRO

He said he wasn't satisfied after the meeting that the board had a clear enough set of policies to prevent other occurrences in the after-school

program.

In a news release, Education Minister Ramona Jennex said she is "very upset" about the allegation and the de-

partment will work with the school board to ensure it doesn't happen again.

It is unclear from official sources how many children

allegedly had their mouths taped shut. The provincial government news release refers to one child.

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Fake assassins out to fleece Halifax residents: Cops

The latest scam making the rounds in Halifax involves fraudsters posing as reluctant hit men, police say.

A release from Halifax Regional Police says several local residents have reported getting text messages from someone claiming to be a hired killer. The fraudster claims to

have been contracted to kill the recipient of the text message, but offers to hold off in exchange for a large sum of money.

"According to the report I get, you seem to be innocent about what you have been accused of but I have no business with that, so that's why am con-

tacting you to know if truly you are innocent and how much you value your life," says an excerpt from one such message provided to Metro by a source.

"Get back to me if you sure want to live on, ignore this mail only if you feel it's a joke or just a threat."

The message says the "hit

man" has been hired by someone "very close to you," and has three men monitoring the complainant's actions.

The police release says there is no indication that the suspects have any specific information about the complainants, and the texts appear to originate from overseas.

So far, no one has taken the bait.

Anyone who believes they have been contacted by a scammer should contact the HRP/RCMP Integrated Financial Crime Unit at 490-1985, or file a report online via the Halifax Regional Police website.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

The old hit-man fraud

- Police say other agencies across North America have seen similar frauds taking place via email, phone and even snail mail.

Downtown mugging

Man beaten after being asked for smoke

Police are looking for four teenagers after a man was robbed and beaten in Halifax on Tuesday night.

The incident happened at about 8 p.m. in the area of Devonshire Avenue and Albert Street. The victim told police someone asked him for a cigarette, and

when he handed one over, he was punched in the face.

The victim was forced to hand over his cellphone and was beaten and punched by the original suspect and three other teens.

The suspects, described as between the ages of 16 and 18, eventually stopped and fled on foot.

There have been no arrests and police continue to investigate.

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Two-year-old case

Police looking to solve Dartmouth murder

Halifax police still haven't laid charges in a Dartmouth murder that happened two years ago.

On May 22, 2011, police were called to an apartment on Primrose Street and found James Gregory Wareham suffering from a stab wound.

The 37-year-old was rushed to hospital where he died.

Wareham is originally from New Waterford in Cape Breton and was living in Sackville in the three months before he died at an apartment building that he was renovating.

Anyone with information about the unsolved case is asked to contact Halifax police's major crime unit at 490-5333 or Crime Stoppers.

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James Wareham CONTRIBUTED

Teen hung out to dry

Cape Breton laundry burgled

A teen is facing charges after a laundromat was broken into early Wednesday. RCMP in Port Hawkesbury were called to a break and enter on MacIntosh Street and found a smashed window and a 16-year-old boy inside. He is charged with break and enter, theft and failing to comply with conditions. METRO



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Dexter: Atlantic premiers won't stop EI-reform battle

Premier Darrell Dexter says comments by the prime minister defending employment-insurance reforms won't stop Atlantic premiers from fighting to have the changes put on hold.

Stephen Harper said last week misinformation surrounds claims that the new rules are harming seasonal workers or forcing them to leave Atlantic Canada.

Dexter said Wednesday that Harper and federal officials haven't shown the premiers any evidence to back up his statement.

The four Atlantic provinces will proceed with plans to appoint a panel to look at the impact of the federal changes, he said.

The premier said the goal is to provide the federal government with evidence showing the impact of the EI changes.

"We are trying to say, 'You



Stephen Harper
THE CANADIAN PRESS

didn't do the consultation, you don't understand the effects of it, here's us doing something positive to show you the data, to show you the information that we have, in order to allow the federal government to make a better decision," Dexter said in an interview.

Under some of the new rules, those who frequently claim EI need to prove they're actively seeking work.

Workers must also accept a job within 100 kilometres of their home as long as they are qualified and the pay is at least 70 per cent of their previous salary.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Muskrat Falls. Native group pulls out of review

A native group that has protested the Muskrat Falls hydro project in Labrador has pulled out of the environmental review for a major transmission link.

The NunatuKavut Community Council says transmission lines to Newfoundland will cut through its territory.

But the group representing the Inuit-Metis of southern Labrador says it has no faith in the environmental assessment process.

President Todd Russell says federal and provincial reviewers have failed to provide scien-

No recognized land claim

The province says it has consulted the group, but has refused Muskrat Falls benefits because it has no land claim recognized by Ottawa.

tific data and have not given the group enough time to respond.

Russell says Ottawa and the province have not adequately consulted his group and have denied benefits related to the \$7.7-billion project.

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\$375,000 in funding

Hand in Hand gets helping hand from gov't

A Spryfield thrift store is getting funding from the province for its expansion plans.

On Wednesday, the province announced they were giving \$37,500 to Hand in Hand and its plans to expand services and rebuild its storage facility.

Hand in Hand, which is located on Herring Cove Road, provides furniture, clothing and other home goods for free or at a reduced cost to people in need.

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Sydney Academy

New aboriginal entrepreneurship program launched

A program aimed at encouraging entrepreneurship among aboriginal youth was officially launched at Sydney Academy Wednesday by former Prime Minister Paul Martin.

The Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program is a partnership of the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative, Membertou First Nation and the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board. Sydney Academy is the first school in Nova Scotia to offer the program. CAPE BRETON POST



Honouring our heroes

Roger Mailman, Battle of Atlantic Sergeant-at-Arms, poses for a photo after an unveiling of a new sign that will be up along Highway 111 marking the new Highway of Heroes. The sign was unveiled on Wednesday at the NSCC Waterfront Campus. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Province failing foster kids: Auditor

Auditor general.

Lapointe points out shortcomings of Nova Scotia's child-welfare system in new report

Recommendations

41%



Jacques Lapointe found that only 41 per cent of the recommendations he made in 2010 have been implemented. His latest report makes 76 recommendations.

Foster children and other kids in care are not being adequately monitored, and investigations into alleged abuse are taking too long and are slow to start, Nova Scotia's auditor general said in a report that highlights failings in the province's child-welfare system.

Jacques Lapointe said he looked at 140 investigations into allegations of abuse or neglect involving kids in care and found that 12 per cent of those probes did not start within the required time.

In one high-risk case, it took staff three days to respond when it should have been acted on the same day. In other lower-risk cases, the responses ranged from 58 days up to 130 days when they should have been acted on in 21 days.

Because of that, Lapointe said the Department of Community Services "cannot be certain the child is safe."

"Lapses in this work impair the department's ability to protect children's interests," he said. "Children are at risk the minute they are taken away ... so you have to pay attention and monitor to make sure nothing goes wrong along the way."

He said the investigations themselves also exceeded the expected time of six weeks, with one case going on for 47 weeks as of

last September.

About 27 per cent of the cases the auditor general tested had gaps of three weeks when no work was done in the investigation.

The auditor general also pointed out two cases he felt should have been investigated but weren't. The department later agreed and the cases were looked into.

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse said she was aware of the problems, but insisted that social workers triage cases and intervene as quickly as possible when a child is in urgent need of help.

"If a child is in a crisis situation, that communication is ongoing and the staff are right on top of it," she said.

But she admitted that the routine, regular contact between social workers and children in care is not taking place as often as it should in some cases.

"That's where his concern is with the children, is to make sure that contact continues and we agree with that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inadequate documentation

Expense claims also scrutinized by the AG

The auditor general also looked at expense claims for several boards and agencies, finding that many filed inadequate documentation if submitting any at all.

He found the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission and the Waterfront Development Corp. had higher rates of insufficient filing by either not providing receipts, evidence of payment or the reason for the expenditure.

Lapointe found serious weaknesses in the Transportation Department's oversight of its parts inventory, repair work and measures to guard against the theft or loss of expensive equipment.

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Halifax economic growth average: GHP

Index. We're also getting older, with 8,000 fewer people aged 0-14

Halifax is finishing middle of the pack when it comes to economic performance, according to a new index from the Greater Halifax Partnership.

Our city should work on attracting and retaining more

people, creating higher-wage jobs and broadening and stabilizing its tax base, according to the Halifax Index released Wednesday.

"If we don't feel like finishing middle of the pack every year is good enough for our city, then we need to make economic growth our priority," Fred Morley, executive vice-president at GHP, said in a release.

According to the index, Halifax's population is aging. In 2012 the population added 16,000 people over the age of 65, and 97 per cent of the increase in labour force in the last six years was people 45 and older.

Retail markets are strong in the city, enrolment in universities is above the national average and more air and cruise passengers are moving through

Halifax.

The Halifax Index is divided into people, economy, quality of place and sustainability. It measures Halifax against Quebec City, London, Regina, Victoria and St. John's across a range of indicators.

Halifax is a relatively healthy and active city in comparison to its benchmark, while life expectancy is middle of the pack.

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Downtown Halifax as seen from the Dartmouth waterfront. METRO FILE

Halifax or busk. Dates, changes announced for summer's Busker Festival

If you love the buskers, you'll want to mark these dates in your summer calendar.

This year's Halifax International Busker Festival is running July 31 through Aug. 5 on the Halifax waterfront.

New this year is a performance stage at Bishop's Landing. As well, organizers have decided to put the event schedule online so people can map out who they want to see before coming.

"Selling the program for \$2 for the past 26 years has been a small way for the festival to generate revenue," festival producer Kim Hendrickson says in a release. "Times have changed and there has been increasing demand for online programing information."

Shows will start each day starting at noon and will run until 10 p.m.

Other stage locations are Nathan Green, Maritime Mu-



Silver Elvis
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seum of the Atlantic, Summit Plaza and Sackville Landing.

Confirmed talent includes Argentinian fan-favourite Victor Rubilar, USA Breakdancers, Men in Coats from the United Kingdom and Canada's Silver Elvis.

Go to buskers.ca for more details. METRO

Amherst

Battery manufacturer charges down

An Amherst battery manufacturer has closed its doors, leaving about 20 people out of work.

Peter Wedlake, senior vice-president with Grant Thornton in Halifax, confirmed the manufacturer, located in the Amherst and Area Industrial Park, has gone into receiver-ship.

"We are just assessing the situation right now. It's too early to determine what the best course is, going forward," he said.

Wedlake is not sure how long the company will remain closed.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

Potential fine: \$2,400

Driver caught doing 60 km/h over limit: Police

Police in Nova Scotia have charged a 22-year-old man with stunting for allegedly driving almost double the posted speed limit.

Cape Breton RCMP say on Tuesday afternoon they were conducting a speed enforcement on Highway 4 and caught a driver going 118 km/h in a 60 km/h zone.

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London attack leaves man hacked to death

Two suspects hospitalized. British PM says there are 'strong indications' it was a terrorist incident

In a brutal daylight attack that raised fears that terrorism had returned to London, two men with butcher knives hacked another man to death near military barracks Wednesday before police wounded them in a shootout.

In a shocking video broadcast on British TV, one man gestured with bloodied hands, waving a butcher knife in the air and shouting political statements against the British government as pedestrians stood nearby a body lying motionless on the street. Bloodstains coated the street.

British officials said the attack appeared to be an act of terrorism, possibly motivated



A tent is erected near the scene of an attack in London on Wednesday. A British official says a violent attack near a London barracks is being investigated as a possible terrorist act. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

by radical Islam.

The two suspects remained hospitalized on Wednesday but their identities and that of their victim were not known.

One of them was reported to be in serious condition.

French President Francois Hollande, speaking at a press conference in Paris, said it

was a British soldier who was killed. British Prime Minister David Cameron didn't immediately confirm that fact.

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Boston Marathon. Man shot to death during FBI probe into bombing

A Chechen immigrant was shot to death by authorities while being questioned in the Boston Marathon bombing case early Wednesday after he lunged at an FBI agent with a knife, officials said.

Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was gunned down at his home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

The FBI gave no details on why they were interested in Todashev. But acquaintances said Todashev knew one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, from mixed martial arts fighting.

Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar, survived and is charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

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Afghanistan

Suicide bomber kills anti-Taliban village elder, 3 others in market

A suicide bomber on foot killed an anti-Taliban village elder and at least three others in a busy marketplace Wednesday in central

Afghanistan, the latest in a wave of assassinations and bombings.

Habibullah Khan was killed along with two bodyguards and a civilian bystander in the afternoon attack in Ghazni province's Moqur district, police said. At least 14 civilians were wounded, most of them shoppers and merchants.

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Harper swears ignorance of \$90K bailout of senator

First public comments. PM says he would have denied chief of staff's donation if consulted

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government deploys a vast early-warning communications system to warn of potential problems ahead.

But Harper insisted Wednesday that he learned about his right-hand man bailing out an embattled Conservative senator in much the same way as other Canadians did: by seeing it on the news.

"Immediately upon learning that the source was in-

deed my chief of staff, Nigel Wright, I immediately asked that that information be released publicly," Harper said at a news conference in Peru, the first time he's taken questions publicly on the scandal.

"Had I obviously been consulted ... I would not have agreed, and it is obviously for those reasons that I accepted Mr. Wright's resignation."

Wright quit on Sunday as details emerged about him giving Sen. Mike Duffy \$90,000 to repay what he improperly expensed for housing. Duffy quit the Conservative caucus last Thursday.

The scandal is under investigation by the federal ethics commissioner.

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Stephen Harper said he is "extremely angry," but the mess was dealt with promptly. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senate review

Passage cut in report

The Tory-dominated, closed-door Senate committee studying Mike Duffy's improper housing expenses deleted reference to his failure to co-operate with external auditors before releasing its report.

Duffy, meanwhile, said he's pleased the same committee will be reviewing his expenses once again.

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Toronto mayor's brother condemns crack craze



Mayor Rob Ford stayed silent on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rob Ford's staunchest supporter attempted on Wednesday to quell the controversy raging around Toronto's mayor over his alleged use of crack cocaine by citing his record in office and blasting the media.

"Rob is telling me these stories are untrue, that these accusations are ridiculous," said his brother Coun. Doug Ford. "And I believe him."

Ford did little to douse the flames sparked by reports last

week from the website Gawker and Torstar News Service. They say the mayor appears to have been caught on video smoking crack and making homophobic and racist remarks.

The mayor's only comments came Friday, when he briefly called the allegations "ridiculous" and suggested Torstar was out to get him.

Instead, Doug Ford lauded his brother's achievements before lashing out at the media.

He accused reporters of going on a witch hunt, reserving his harshest criticism for Gawker.

"What you are doing is disgusting," Ford said. "Giving away prizes to try to raise money for drug dealers and extortionists is disgraceful."

Gawker has been trying to raise \$200,000 to buy the video, reportedly being shopped around by a drug dealer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kicked off the team

In another blow Wednesday, the Toronto District Catholic School Board dropped the mayor as volunteer football coach of the Don Bosco Eagles.

- The board made no reference to the drug allegations in a statement.



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Hundreds gather to attend memorial for Tim Bosma

Senseless death.

Mourners remember slain Ontario man as an 'average guy who loved his family and his friends'

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"This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."

Sharlene Bosma

Tim Bosma was a mischievous man with a "crazy laugh," but most of all he was just a regular guy — and it cost him his life, family and friends say.

There was standing room only in a banquet hall in Hamilton, Ont., where hundreds gathered to remember the 32-year-old father who was killed after taking two men on a test drive.

Family and friends at the memorial focused on the senselessness of Bosma's death.

"I know that there have been skeptics out there who

seem unable to believe that Tim was not somehow involved in something," his wife Sharlene Bosma said. "This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."

It is difficult to accept, she said, because it means it could have happened to anyone.

"But for me, it didn't happen to just anyone," she said, fighting back tears. "It happened to my husband and the father of our child. Tim is my someone. He is my person, my other half."

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Sharlene Bosma pauses during her speech as her father Louis Veenstra looks on Wednesday at a memorial in Hamilton, Ont., for her husband, Tim Bosma, who was found dead after he took two men on a test drive. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ongoing investigation

Second suspect arrested

Hamilton, Ont., police say a second man has been arrested and will face a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma.

On Wednesday police arrested Mark Smich, a 25-year-old man from Oakville, Ont., who police say is one of the men who went on the test drive and is to appear in court on Thursday in Hamilton where he'll face a charge of first-degree murder.

A Toronto man, Dellen Millard, is already facing charges of first-degree murder, forcible confinement and theft of a vehicle.

Police are looking for at least one other suspect — a third person they believe was following Bosma's truck in another vehicle.

Police now say that vehicle was a dark blue GMC Yukon SUV owned by Millard.

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Jailhouse interview. Convicted killer says she 'deserves a second chance'

In a surprise jailhouse interview just hours after a jury began deliberating whether she will live or die, the woman at the centre of a murder case that captivated many Americans spoke out Tuesday about her trial, her fights with her legal team and her belief that she "deserves a second chance at freedom someday."

Arias was convicted last week of first-degree murder in the June 2008 stabbing and shooting death of her one-time lover in what prosecutors described as a cold, calculated killing carried out in a jealous rage. Arias maintains it was self-defence.

Arias provided some new information about her case and how she believed her lawyers let her down by not calling more witnesses who could have bolstered her claims that she was a victim of domestic violence at the hands of Travis Alexander.

Arias acknowledged it was unlikely she would ever be released, but believed she deserves a second chance.

"To this day, I can hardly believe I was capable of such violence. But I know that I was," Arias told jurors. "And for that, I'm going to be sorry for the rest of my life."

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Convicted killer Jodi Arias thinks about a question during an interview at the Maricopa County Estrella Jail on Tuesday in Phoenix. Arias was convicted recently of killing her former boyfriend Travis Alexander back in 2008, and could face the possibility of the death penalty. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland

Rescued women 'happy and safe'

The three women rescued after being held captive in a house in Cleveland for about a decade want everyone to know they are doing fine and appreciate offers of help.

The message was relayed in a letter released Tuesday by their attorneys.

The letter said Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight are happy and safe. A charity fund to help the women has raised more than \$650,000 US from over 6,800 donors.

"These three brave women have asked us to give this message to everyone who has expressed concern and support," said the attorneys, who are representing the women for free. "Amanda, Gina and Michelle want you to know they are doing well. They are happy and safe and continue to heal, a process that requires time and privacy."

"To have complete strangers offer loving support in the form of money, goods and services, reaching out to help like a family member, is appreciated in ways that are impossible to put into words."

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Couch potatoes are multi-taskers, really

TV just background media? Canadians watch TV while playing with laptops, tablets or cellphones, study finds

Multi-tasking on the couch has gone mainstream, according to a report by Microsoft on consumer behaviours,

which estimates that half of Canadians regularly have an Internet-connected device handy while watching TV.

"Television used to be front and centre, prime-time, everyone booked some time to watch their favourite TV shows," said Lynne Clarke, head of marketing at Microsoft Advertising. "Well that's something that still happens but it's something that's a

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"It's really pretty surprising how quickly the Canadian consumer's expectations have risen as it relates to where content and data is available and how they view the user interface or the user experience." Lynne Clarke, head of marketing at Microsoft Advertising.

little bit more of a passive background medium, people have the TV on while they

also have their laptop, their tablet or their mobile phone, and they're playing around

with those devices at the same time."

Clarke said multi-screen multi-tasking is becoming more common in Canada as consumers get addicted to their mobile devices and expect to be able to use them for anything, anywhere.

"A consumer really does want it to be the same everywhere, they don't expect to have any breaks in content

when they're on the go."

But Canadians are still seen as more conservative than their global peers when it comes to some mobile tasks such as online shopping, she added.

"There still tends to be a higher proportion of Canadians that do an awful lot of research online but still tend to shop offline."

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Multi-screen multi-taskers

Clarke identified four types of multi-screen multi-taskers:

- **Content grazing.** Typically uses two or more screens to watch TV and access unrelated content, with no intent to accomplish anything important. They seek fleeting moments of fun and distraction and tend to get addicted to using technology this way.
- **Social spider-webbing.** Extroverted users who use multiple screens to share and connect with peers watching what they're watching on their TV, or engage with digital communities with the TV on.
- **Quantum multi-taskers.** These users have a job to do and choose to accomplish it by using a variety of devices. Online shoppers typically fit into this category.
- **Investigative spider-webbing.** These users juggle devices to delve deeply into something they've seen on their big screen,

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Eatery's owners show how not to behave online

Social media. Arizona restaurateurs' poor conduct highlights the importance of dealing with negative reviews

It was the customer service disaster heard around the Internet.

A Scottsdale, Ariz. restaurateur, fed up after years of negative online reviews and an embarrassing appearance on a reality television show, allegedly posted a social media rant laced with salty language and angry, uppercase letters that quickly went viral last week, to the delight of people who love a good Internet meltdown.

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Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz., temporarily closed after an episode of Kitchen Nightmares aired.
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YOU ARE," read the posting on the Facebook wall of Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz. "YOU JUST DO NOT KNOW GOOD FOOD."

It was, to put it kindly, not a best-business practice. Add to that an appearance earlier this month on the Fox reality TV show Kitchen Nightmares —

where celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay gave up on trying to reform the restaurant after the owners refused to listen to his advice — and you have a recipe for disaster.

"That's probably the worst thing that can happen," said Sujun Patel, founder and CEO of Single Grain, a digital marketing agency in San Francisco.

In the evolving world of online marketing, where the power of word of mouth has been wildly amplified by the whims and first impressions of anonymous reviewers posting on dozens of social media websites, online comments, both good and bad, and the reactions they trigger from managers, can make all the difference between higher revenues and empty storefronts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Real estate. Home-buying intentions remain relatively strong, bank report finds

A new report suggests nearly half of Canadian homeowners intend to buy a property in the next five years, despite a cooling off in the housing market.

The BMO Housing Confidence Report says the 48 per cent figure is mostly unchanged from late 2012, suggesting continued confidence in the housing market.

Among major cities, the report found a five-point gain in buying intentions in Vancouver while Calgary was down by 13 points.

Buying intentions in the Greater Toronto Area and Montreal have held steady, while Atlantic Canada has seen a 15 per cent jump in buying intentions.

The bank's report further suggests close to half of all homeowners under 40 intend to purchase a larger home within the next five years.

The BMO report by Pollara was based on online interviews with a random sample of 1,008 Canadian homeowners between Feb. 21-27.

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Economic impact

Housing slowdown could cost 150K jobs, group warns

Canada's housing market is slowing dramatically in terms of both sales and construction, dragging down economic growth and putting some 150,000 jobs at risk in coming years, the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals warns in its spring report. The group stops short of calling the slide that began about nine months ago a crash. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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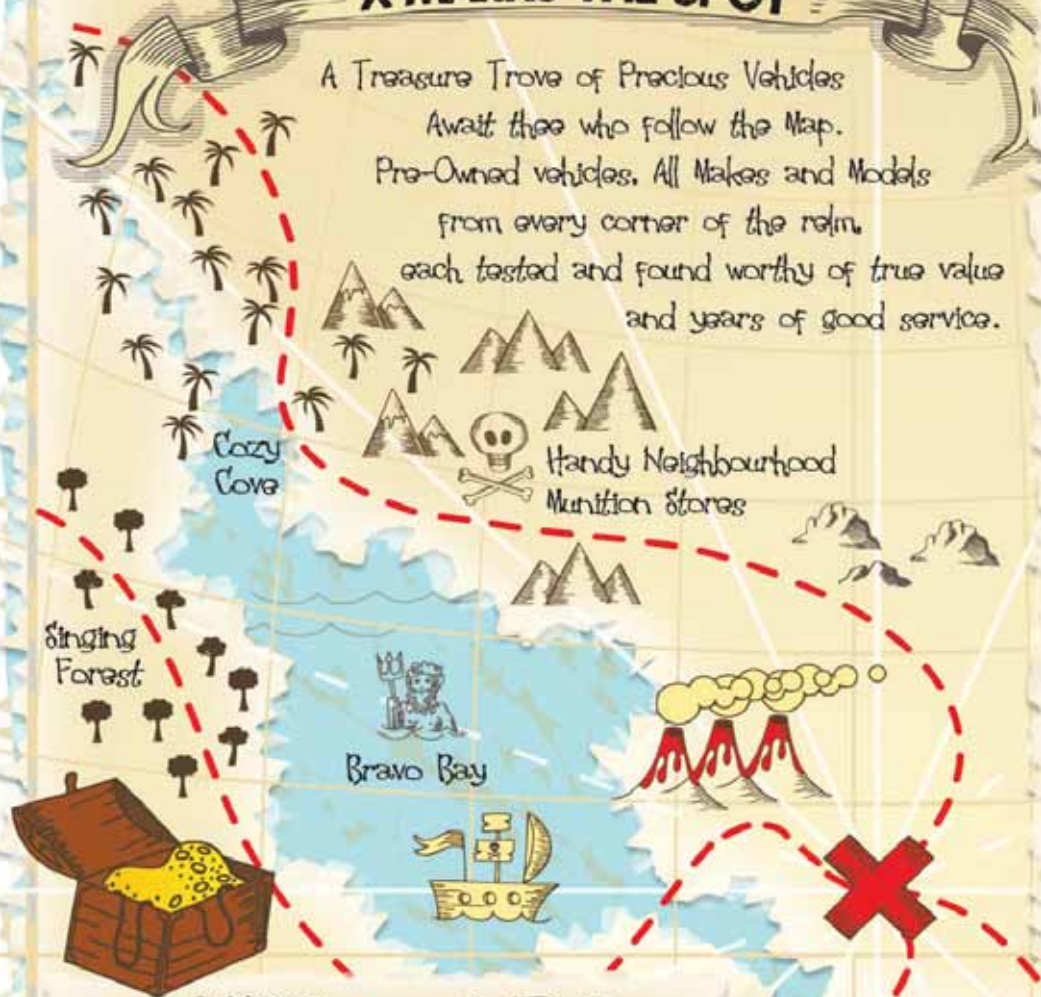


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MY GOOGLE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY

Attention early adopters: Google Glass is on its way, and the new wearable technology is going to completely revolutionize the way that humans irritate each other.

The computer/eyeglasses hybrid hasn't yet been released to the general public, but Google Glass is already at the centre of the great debate that accompanies the arrival of any major new technology.

Namely: Is it a force for evil, or for good? Is Google Glass a further erosion of our privacy, like CCTV cameras or the mirror? Or is it a great tech leap forward, like the jump from Nintendo to Super Nintendo?

My best guess? Neither. There will be a few innovative uses, sure, and a few major misuses, and a totally disproportionate amount of porn.

But I suspect people who think there will be life-altering repercussions might find that there's a Glass ceiling to be hit.

I've seen the glasses described as "augmented reality," which seems like a bit much. It's not as if it will provide a holo-



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deck-like experience, allowing you to walk the vast empty expanse of Google Plus in 3D.

Google Glass is, for all intents and purposes, just a hands-free iPad.

Which is why I say its major impact will be providing innovative ways for people to irritate each other.

Look deep into the crystal (display) ball and you'll see what I mean:

- First the general public will scoff at the early adopters standing in line on Opening Day, then the early adopters will roll their eyes a few months later as moms and dads buy each other Google Glasses for Christmas

- Eventually there will be different styles and capabilities of Google Glass, and they'll become status symbols, with each clique annoyed that the other owns the device for the "wrong" reasons. Presumably the hipster Google Glasses won't even have lenses.

- There will be some anti-Glass protest groups decrying the end of privacy. They will make many good points, but they'll also be so smug and self-important that you'll be glad their cause is hopeless.

- One moronic motorist will, say, drive into scaffolding while playing Angry Birds on his glasses, setting off numerous idiotic political debates that will accomplish nothing. A U.S. senator will say something about the glasses that show he has not used a new piece of technology since the Vic-20.

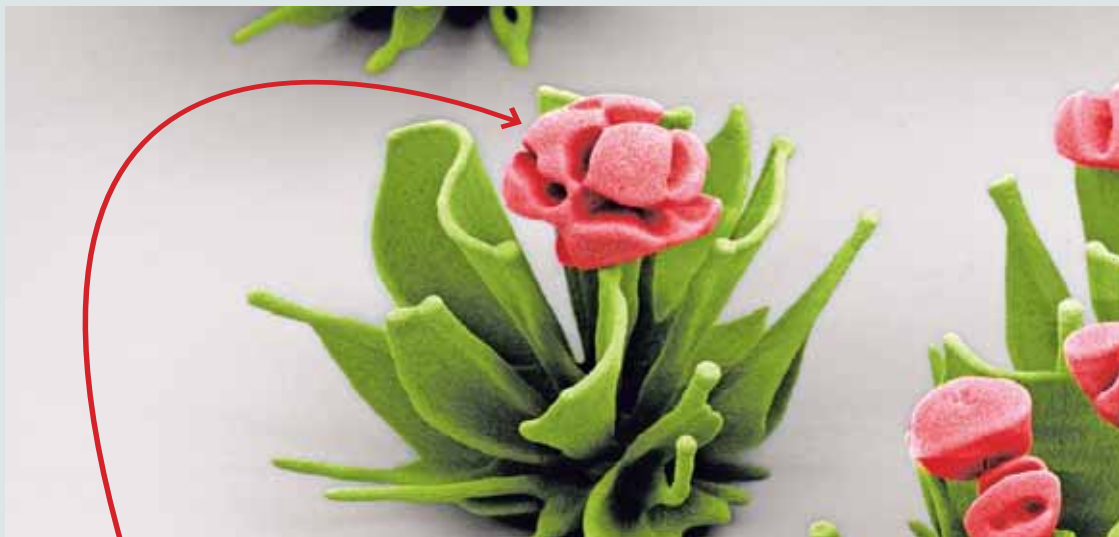
- Once the device is ubiquitous, it will be hard to tell whether random people are Googling, which means Google Glass will combine the phone app annoyance of being ignored, with the phone call frustration of hearing only half a conversation.

In short, these new Portable Annoyance Devices, or eye-PADs, will be deeply irritating at times. But they're not going to hasten the end of civilization, either, and you'll probably own one eventually.

Like all technology, Google Glass will only be as good or as bad as the humans who wield it. So we probably are doomed. But only to disappointment. Google Glass half full?

ZOOM

These automatic flowers will do



LAURA HENDRIKS/WIM NOORDUIN

Microscopic crystals bloom in beaker

Scientists at Harvard University have been able to grow microscopic crystals into dainty "flower" structures on a beaker of chemical fluid.

Dr. Wim Noorduin and his team at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) found they can control the growth

behaviour of crystals to create intricate molecular objects. Two chemical compounds are dissolved in water in a simple glass beaker.

As CO₂ enters the beaker from the air, it triggers reactions that result in forming microscopic objects, a process that takes up to four hours.

"By manipulating the mixture's conditions, like

adding some acid or kitchen salt, a large diversity of shapes — from vases to corals — can be made," says Noorduin.

"When zooming in using an electron microscope, you see that inside the beaker a vast landscape of complex, sculpted microstructures has evolved in which you can get completely lost. It really feels like you are diving in an alien coral reef," he added. **METRO**

Petals in zoom

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micrometres (0.00005 metres) is the size of one "flower" — equivalent to the width of six red blood cells, or smaller than the thickness of a bank note. While Noorduin admits that "there are no practical applications yet," making these aesthetically pleasing objects "moves towards the control that is required for many practical applications, such as optical materials and catalysts."

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Just in time to start tabling your summer travel plans, a new gastro-site is helping connect tourists with local foods. Imagine Airbnb meeting Feastly, and you get the idea: **Cookening.com** is a site dedicated to matching eager chefs with hungry tourists (though locals are invited, too). **Cookening** doesn't have what you're looking for? Try these similar sites:

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@FrenchmanCanada: I'm more worried about the allegations being true.

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Reviving a tale as old as time

Beauty and the Beast.

Tour of Tony-winning production set to cast a spell on Halifax audiences for five shows



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When the old beggar woman revealed herself as a beautiful enchantress and, as punishment for the young prince's cruelty, cast a spell on the castle ... which household item did you think you could live as for eternity? Come on. We all played that game.

Well, I was eight years old and still thought I could grow up to be a dog so my interpretation of the realities set forth by Disney's Beauty and the Beast was irrelevant.

But when Disney came knocking on costume designer Ann Hould-Ward's door asking her to design an original Broadway musical for their classic tale, she set out on what I can imagine to be the most interesting of research trips.

"I was fortunate enough at that time to fly out and meet animators (from the film) and talk with them about how they created their characters," Hould-Ward said in a phone interview.

"I thought it was very important that those who have seen the movie have some recognition point within the theatre production, but I also had to come at it from the standpoint of making the animation work for real life — where I have the human body



Catch Beauty and the Beast at the Halifax Metro Centre this weekend. HANDOUT

of the actor that needs to be incorporated into a costume."

Beauty and the Beast opened on Broadway in April of 1994 and before the curtain dropped for the last time in 2007, Hould-Ward won a Tony for her work in costume design.

Now, back to the drawing board, as Hould-Ward put it, Beauty and the Beast has been reborn, stopping in Halifax for five shows — this Friday through Sunday at the Metro Centre — as part of its

revival tour.

Interestingly enough, she adds, the entire original creative crew has been brought back together to breathe new life into this Disney classic.

"It was a really wonderful thing that we could all come together again and look at the show anew this many years later," she said.

"It's very interesting psychologically to return to something like this. I've never returned so many years later and thinking

The details

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about redesigning from scratch."

Close to 20 years later, this traditional fairy tale, origin-

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Jessica Walter returns as the booze-fueled matriarch Lucille Bluth on *Arrested Development*. HANDOUT

Get her a vodka rocks, Lucille Bluth is back and ready to go

Arrested Development.

Jessica Walter's 50-year acting career has entered a renaissance, and she's grateful for it

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By her count, Jessica Walter has been a member of the Screen Actors Guild for 50 years, a period of time that encompasses a vast body of work — dramatic (*Grand Prix*), suspenseful (*Play Misty For Me*), supernatural (*Dr. Strange*) and, most recently, comedic (*Archer*). But for Walter, the forthcoming return of *Arrested Development* offers a reassuring reminder that her career has transcended not just different genres, but different generations.

"Certainly demographically, there are probably people who thought I was dead," Walter says candidly. "I have people that are my age and older who know who I am, who remember some of my work from the old days, and then I used to get, 'Wow, my mother really likes you.' Then I'd get, 'My grandma really likes you.' And now I get 'I really like you!' So how can I

No writer's block here

"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific."

Jessica Walter
On *Arrested Development*.

be unhappy about that?"

According to Walter, who plays boozy matriarch Lucille Bluth, virtually every line of dialogue in the 15 new episodes creator Mitchell Hurwitz wrote has a double (or even triple) meaning, much like those in the 53 episodes of the show that were broadcast during its three seasons on Fox. But because each episode now focuses on a different character, instead of simply following Jason Bateman's Michael Bluth, conversational contexts shifted frequently — a change that provided a considerable challenge for Walter and her co-stars as they navigated their way through Hurwitz's latticework of plot strands and one-liners.

"We didn't know a whole lot, a lot of the time, which makes it much more diffi-

cult," she admits. "In the end, it all worked out, but it's a strange way to work because you don't have all of the materials."

Still, the actress says she slipped easily back into the role, even after a seven-year hiatus between the show's cancellation and its rebirth on Netflix.

"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific," she observes. "Once I heard Tony (Hale's) voice and once I saw him, there he was with the hook and his pathetic demeanor, he was my little Busty again."

Between Lucille on *Arrested Development* and Malory Archer on *Archer*, Walter finds herself in the midst of a remarkable career renaissance, a fact she's grateful for, regardless of whether people know her prior to playing these cantankerous, irresistibly manipulative mothers.

"I'm so glad they think of something," she says humbly.

"At my age I'm privileged that they think of something, so it doesn't bother me a bit if they think of me as Lucille. And people have been really nice — they don't seem to think of Lucille as horrible, thank God. But as long as they're thinking of me, it makes me happy."

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Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan is taking a fresh approach to making music. GETTY IMAGES

Waving a white flag on chasing his fame

Canadian music. K'naan working on new songs after deriding 2012 album for chasing U.S. success in the wrong places

Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan says lingering disappointment over his last album is pushing him to write and release a new batch of songs. The Wavin' Flag musician says he's found renewed focus to "be honest" in his work, after playing it too safe with 2012's *Country, God or the Girl*.

K'naan says from Los Angeles that he's writing new material he hopes will be ready this fall.

His disdain for last year's disc was laid bare in a New York Times opinion piece published in December 2012.

K'naan began that 1,200-word article by saying: "Here is a story about fame," and went on to recount label pressure to cater his dense global rhymes to a pop-loving female, teenage U.S. audience.

K'naan, who draws much of his inspiration from his

troubled homeland, now says he's been thinking a lot about the artist he wants to be and the kind of music he wants to make.

"It's a very instinctual album (there's), not a lot of mulling over it," K'naan says of the new songs.

"I just felt like I had to do things this time around that felt pretty urgent to me."

And he is hoping to get the material out into the world as soon as he can, he admits, largely because of regretful choices made with *Country, God or the Girl*.

"The rush is that I didn't really like that album so much, so I think that that's the experience — the reflection of the album I put out has caused me to put out another one," he says of last

year's disc, which nevertheless earned respectable reviews.

"It's not even a mechanical thing; it's the urge to explain the dynamics of things and try to be honest about where I'm at, what my life is and also the difference between writing music that you could write and music that you should write."

In the *Times* piece, the rapper recounts meeting label executives to discuss how to keep his U.S. audience growing. Their main advice? Change his lyrics because "radio programmers avoid subjects too far from fun and self-absorption."

"And for the first time, I felt the affliction of success," K'naan writes.

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Take chances

These days he says he needs to "be honest about things and not necessarily be safe."

• **Quote.** "My previous work — with the exception of the last record — you wouldn't call those songs safe, you know," he

continues. "They weren't structured around any kind of a pop success or idea around success. They were just what one thought they had to do or say. I think that's kind of like the journey I'm on at this point."

French electronic duo Daft Punk keeps robot image, try new sound

New album. There are mixed reviews for Random Access Memories as the dance music crew tries to expand musically with fourth album

It's tempting to say Daft Punk has gone Hollywood. The influential French electronic duo crafted its first film score, for *Tron: Legacy*, three years ago and are now releasing a well-financed, smartly-hyped pop album featuring what they call an ensemble cast of contemporary singers and veteran musicians.

There's long been a showbiz bent to the work of Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, who for the last 13 years have hidden their faces in public appearances by wearing robot helmets and costumes. Bangalter compares the mystique-build-

ing masks — echoed by musicians including Deadmau5 and MF Doom — to an ever-evolving comic book superhero who starts as a side story “then maybe 50 years later it becomes like a big franchise movie in Hollywood.”

Yet Daft Punk's new album *Random Access Memories* isn't the special effects-filled summer blockbuster you might expect. The group that helped popularize electronic dance music in the United States has used almost exclusively live instrumentation on the 13 songs, many modeled on the easygoing groove of late 1970s pop and disco. At a time when drum machines and urgent computer-generated chords dominate the charts, Daft Punk went the opposite direction.

“Human voices in pop music are becoming more and more robotic,” Bangalter said. “(The album) is a robotic project and a technological one that is trying to get more and more human.”

Like film directors

They started with several days of jam sessions in Los Angeles, then spent four years layering sounds, editing, rearranging and re-recording.

- **Quote.** Bangalter compares the duo to a film director “shooting for months and months, stopping sometimes to do reshoots and then lots of editing.”

Through arranger Chris Caswell, the group linked up with players who could evoke their favourite music from Chic, early Michael Jackson, Steely Dan, Fleetwood Mac. Chic's Nile Rodgers, drummer JR Robinson and bassist James Genus lay the musical bed for vocalists including Julian Casablancas, Panda Bear from Animal Collective and Pharrell. It's a long way

from the two-man home studio productions that defined the first three Daft Punk albums.

“Making music with musicians and bringing back a certain craftsmanship, that was totally unfamiliar for us. It was somehow a certain fantasy,” Bangalter said. “It's funny because it was somehow a luxury to be able to do that. But at the same time it was not a comfortable position.”

Early response has been mixed to the hotly anticipated album, which streamed on iTunes prior to Tuesday's release. “This album makes me not like L.A.,” DJ-producer Diplo tweeted. “These guys are way smarter than me. I'm definitely missing something.” *Billboard* called the album “messy” but said it was “fantastic to hear these masterminds trying again,” while *Pitchfork* praised its musicianship and “amazing level of detail.”

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Daft Punk's new album *Random Access Memories* is getting mixed reviews after being released earlier this week. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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KStew and RPattz: Never, ever getting back together?

In the wake of her split from Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart is apparently seeking the counsel of a pal who's something of a breakup specialist. The Twilight star was spotted heading to Taylor Swift's Beverly Hills home earlier this week, according to PopSugar. Stewart reportedly "spent

all day there" before heading home. This comes after Pattinson was seen removing his possessions and dogs from Stewart's house. "She tried, they both tried," a source tells Us Weekly of the split. "They're both good people. It was just not the right thing for either of them right now."



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Brad and Angie: Still gaga

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't afraid to show their affection for each other — even if their kids protest, to hear Pitt's pal, Frank Pollaro, tell it. "Once I walked in and Angie was standing there and Zahara walked up and said, 'Daddy, you're not going to start

making out with Mommy again, are you?'" Pollaro tells Esquire. "And it's like that. This is a guy who has tried not to do any sexy scenes with other women since he's met Angelina. He's crazy about her, and she's the same way about him."

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Things just got 'real' for this house wife



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The Real Housewives of the OC star Tamra Barney joins the ranks of Bethenny Frankel and Kim Zolciak as Housewives who have gotten their own Bravo show. The divorced

mother of four's new show will centre around her wedding to fiancé Eddie Judge, which will be held this summer in California. The two are then opening a gym together (of course they are).

So far, the show has no title, but the spin-off is a no-brainer, according to RadarOnline. "For Bravo, she has it all: the romantic storyline of getting married, for a third time, the drama with the other OC Housewives and she'll inevitably be a beautiful bride, when she walks down the aisle," a source tells the site.

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I finally joined Facebook! To make up for lost time, I made a tutorial vid showing how to roll a CROSS JOINT!



Will Smith

Is Will Smith going to get jiggy with Kanye West?

Will Smith may be heading back to the music world, and if he does we have Kanye West to thank.

"I've been messing around with

Kanye," Smith tells HipHollywood.com.

"We went in the studio a couple times, so I might get the bug. I'm not going to do it unless I'm truly inspired, but (Kanye has) been pushing me a little bit."

Smith has not released any music since 2005.

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Double-duty denim

This spring, denim comes in patched looks that are one part '60s hippie and one part '90s grunge (with a touch of '80s Marty McFly)

KENYA HUNT
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Real world application

A test run

Every season offers a new interpretation of denim, some easier to pull off than others.

Last year's look

— those ubiquitous leopard spots — were harmless and versatile. But this season brings some more challenging fare — neon tie-dye anyone?

On the surface,

two-tone jeans look like they'd be dangerous, placing you in ironic, hipster, try-too-hard territory. But they're actually versatile, striking a good balance between right-now and

still-stylish-later.

I chose a pair by the British label Made in Heaven because they did just that, plus, they're just skinny enough without preventing one's ability to

breathe. I wore mine with a graphic blouse, tailored coat and pumps, an outfit that successfully took me from the office to dinner with friends afterward.

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Trends Report



- Classic black and white can be a bold choice for spring amidst the sea of pastels, floral prints and bright hues. Head online to Trends Report to see how the stars at Cannes are donning this elegant colour combo and draw some fashion inspiration for yourself.

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Beating the night chills

Outdoor heating options. Choose from patio flames, patio heaters or gas fireplaces

**RICHARD
WOODBURY**
For Metro

People looking to stay warm outside on those chilly spring and summer nights have more than a few heating options at their disposal.

At Atlantic Stoves and Fireplaces in Waverley, the most popular option is patio flames, which account for about nine out of 10 outdoor heating units sold, says sales representative Shaun Moulton.

Patio flames consist of a round stainless steel base that houses the heating components and, outside of that, the unit will have a decorative base.

Because they are fully encased, people can place them right on a wooden deck, even though they produce a flame.

Another benefit is that they are portable and can easily be moved.

"I've known people to pack it up and take it camping with them when there are fire bans," Moulton says.

This also means that, at the end of summer, people can store the units inside their home.

Patio flames at Atlantic Stoves range from \$250 to \$550 and are fuelled by a connection to a propane tank.

Another outdoor heating option is patio heaters. These vertical units emit heat and come in either tabletop or standalone units which can measure up to seven feet in height.

"The only downside to those is it typically does the top of your head and shoulders, as opposed to the patio



An outdoor fireplace can help beat the heat on those chilly spring and summer nights. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

flame where it's centred down low and heat naturally rises," Moulton says.

The cost of patio heaters ranges from \$600 to \$1,200 at Atlantic Stoves.

Another option is outdoor

fireplaces, although they serve more of a decorative purpose, Moulton says. They are costly and range in price from \$2,000 to \$3,000, although a homeowner will almost certainly incur additional costs having

one installed, including the cost to have it hooked up to a natural gas or propane line.

As well, people will likely also have to spend a good chunk of change to have a mantle built around the unit,

as well as have other landscaping implemented to complement the unit.

"We sell more patio flames and patio heaters compared to the outdoor gas fireplaces," Moulton says.

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Find the right barbecue

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For Metro

There is no doubt barbecuing is one of the best parts of the spring and summer, and nothing creates more envy amongst neighbours than the sweet smells wafting through the air from a neighbour who has fired up the old Q.

When it comes time to purchase a new barbecue, you are going to need to figure out what size they need. Thankfully, there is a calculation to do this.

All barbecues will have a number in British Thermal Units (BTUs), expressing the quantity of heat the unit consumes in an hour when all of the burners are lit.

The barbecue buyer's guide on rona.ca recommends you take the BTUs and divide it by the total size of the cooking surface (in square inches). You will want the resulting number to be at least 110 BTUs for each person the barbecue will be used to feed. For a family of



The size of the barbecue is one choice you will have to make when buying one. CHRIS CLINTON/LIFESIZE/THINKSTOCK

five, this means the number should be at least 550.

With the sizing worked out, it's now time to decide how much you want to spend on the barbecue. The reality is barbecues can cost as little as \$100 to an amount in the thousands. But buying the cheapest barbecue will cost you in the long run.

"You see a lot of them

parked on the road on garbage day," says George Hill, the owner of Ultimate Home Comfort, a barbecue retailer.

He says a cheap barbecue is disposable, while a more expensive one is an investment that will last a long time. For this reason, it's important to look into the warranty the barbecue has. Even if a barbecue is made of stain-

less steel, that doesn't mean it will be incredibly durable.

While propane barbecues are the most popular here, another option is a charcoal grill, especially for someone looking to make southern-style dishes.

"You're going to get smoky flavour in the meat that you won't get with a gas barbecue," Hill says.

Deck your backyard out in style this year

For people looking at having a new deck built, the two most likely options are a wood deck or a wood-plastic composite.

"It's more cost-effective to build with wood," says Maurice Meagher, the owner of Archadeck of Nova Scotia.

With wood, people can choose to use pressure-treated wood or cedar (usually red cedar).

While both are resistant to rot, in the case of cedar, its naturally high levels of tannin are what make it resistant to rot. This is one reason people prefer cedar to pressure-treated wood.

"It's a nice natural product," Meagher says. "It's just cut and milled, there's nothing added to the wood."

Generally speaking, using red cedar versus pressure-treated wood will cost about 50 per cent more. Since the wood is more expensive, the deck will require more framing

and there is also a need for higher grade fasteners.

From a maintenance perspective, both options can be low maintenance.

"It can really just be left (on its own)," Meagher says.

While both will naturally change colour over time, if you want to preserve the look of the deck, you will have to stain it every few years. Meagher says a well-built wood deck should last 25 to 30 years.

For an even more durable option that should last longer, you should consider a composite deck, such as wood-plastic or wood-plastic with a PVC cap. The two are very comparable from a cost perspective, but there are some slight trade-offs between the two.

Wood-plastic has more of a natural look, while wood-plastic with a PVC cap is slightly more durable since it is more resistant to scratches and stains.

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Pools are a popular attraction on those hot summer days. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Get into the swim with your own pool

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

Just like the famous line about location, location, location in real estate, the same applies to pools.

"The backyard decides what ... fits," says Tara McBurney, the general manager of McBurney Pools and Spas in Burnside.

In the local market, this means McBurney sells more oval pools than round ones because of the shapes of our backyards. Interestingly, oval pools are actually more expensive because they require more parts, but this shows just how the location will dictate what is purchased.

One of the two main decisions people will have to make when purchasing a pool is whether to go in-ground or above ground.

"In-ground, there's a lot more work to it," says Julia Monk, a sales representative with Levy Pools in Lower Sackville.

In addition to digging, it may be necessary to build a retaining wall. Besides these two requirements, the pool will also require other finishing work to create the surface surrounding the pool.

As well, if something goes wrong — such as if a water pipe bursts — this will lead to increased repair costs since the unit is located underground.

With an above-ground pool, you can purchase kits to put it together yourself.

From a cost standpoint, Monk estimates an in-ground pool will be at least \$30,000, while an above-ground pool will likely cost somewhere between \$2,000 and \$10,000.

Given the rocky nature of

the local terrain, this makes above-ground pools more commonplace (in addition to the price).

A second key decision is whether to go with a traditional chlorinated pool or saltwater (even though a saltwater pool will generate some chlorine).

Saltwater is a more expensive option since it requires a more durable resin pool, rather than a steel one. This usually costs somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,000 more on average, McBurney says.

One of the reasons people choose a saltwater pool is because of maintenance. A salt chlorine generator the pool uses is more automated than a chlorine system associated with a traditional pool.

"People like the saltwater system because the maintenance is a little easier," McBurney says.

Hot tubs. Soaking and relaxing

When shopping for a hot tub, it might be tempting to focus on the number of jets the tub has, but this isn't a good idea.

"It's not the number of jets, it's the quality of jets," says Chris Wheatley, the president of Hot Tub Universe, a local hot tub wholesaler.

Wheatley says it's a common tactic for retailers to focus on the increased number of jets as if it's a selling feature, so he cautions people to focus on the quality of the jets. In higher end tubs, the jets are more sophisticated.

Another important item to

look at is the construction of the tub.

"Are they using a top-end North American (component) or are they using some of the cheaper Chinese made stuff that is coming into the market?" Wheatley asks.

With our climate, it's important to find one that is designed to withstand the harsh winters.

"There are a lot of southern manufacturers ... so they don't take into account the cold winters we get," says Robin Knight, the co-owner of Arctic Spas Halifax.

Where to place the tub is

an important consideration and the ideal arrangement is to have it as close as possible to one's home. This is especially true during the winter.

"If you've got a long ways to go, you're probably going to be less likely to use the tub," Knight says.

Given the set-up will require a specialized power hook-up, it's wise to reduce the length of cabling that will be needed to run from the tub to the power source.

Knight says the cost of the electric hook-up could run anywhere from \$800 to \$1,500. **RICHARD WOODBURY**

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The brass bar cart is making a return

After keeping a close eye on the interiors of *Mad Men* and *Downton Abbey*, a chic bar cart is a staple furniture item, whether you live in a modern home or a traditional estate. Having a handy roll away cart to entertain is an impressive way to serve up cocktails. Here's a lineup of brass drink carts — from traditional to modern in style. Not since the '60s and '70s have we seen brass so chic. And although we may consider gold metal tones as traditional, we now have a whole new appreciation for this tone of metal.



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Connaught Antique Brass Bar Cart

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Get the little ones stirring and stuffing

Bell Peppers Stuffed with Spaghetti, Tomato and Prosciutto



This recipe serves six. Each serving contains 380 calories and 10 grams of fat.
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according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Drain and place in large bowl.

3. Make the sauce: In large nonstick skillet, heat oil; sauté garlic and onions until soft, approximately 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 1 minute.

4. Meanwhile, combine stock and flour in bowl; add to tomato mix and simmer until sauce thickens slightly, approximately 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over pasta; add basil, margarine, prosciutto and cheese. Mix well. Stuff peppers until full, saving remainder as a side dish. Place pepper top over pasta, to act as lid. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY: ROSE REISMAN**

This is a great vegetable or main course dish. The stock and milk sauce replaces traditional white béchamel sauces, which contain excess calories and fat.

1. Preheat oven to broil. Broil peppers in oven 15 minutes or until charred, turning often. Let cool for 5 minutes. Remove tops of peppers and save. Peel skin and de-seed, leaving whole pepper intact. This can be done under cool running water.

2. Cook pasta in boiling water

Ingredients

- 6 medium sweet bell peppers
- 12 oz spaghetti
- Sauce**
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 3/4 cup diced onions
- 1 3/4 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups cold chicken stock
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup chopped prosciutto
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

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Tiebreaker all set

Winterhawks put host Blades on the ropes

The Portland Winterhawks scored three times in the third period Wednesday to defeat the Saskatoon Blades 4-2 in the final round-robin game at the MasterCard Memorial Cup.

With the score tied 1-1, Chase De Leo gave Portland the lead for good at 4:08 of the third when he jammed a loose puck past Blades goalie Andrey Makarov as the Winterhawks (2-1) clinched a spot in Friday's semifinal.

The host Blades (1-2) will now take on the London Knights (1-2) in Thursday's tiebreaker game. The winner of that one will meet Portland in Friday's semi.

Derrick Pouliot, Brenden Leipsic and Ty Rattie had the other goals for Portland, which got 29 saves from Mac Carruth. Nicolas Petan added two assists for the Western Hockey League champions.

Josh Nicholls, with a goal and an assist, and Shane McColgan replied for Saskatoon, while Makarov stopped 30 shots in taking the loss.

After De Leo scored to give Portland the lead in the third, Leipsic added an insurance goal for Portland at 6:27, ripping a shot from the slot into the top corner past Makarov.

Rattie made it 4-1 with his fourth of the tournament at 10:16, beating Makarov to the glove side off the rush.

Nicholls scored at 16:27 to cut the deficit to two, but the Blades would get no closer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Moose earn bye into Memorial Cup final

One game away.

Team watched from stands as Portland beat Saskatoon



ANDREW RANKIN
Metro in Saskatoon

The Halifax Mooseheads are heading to the Memorial Cup final.

The Herd earned a direct spot in the championship game after the Portland Winterhawks defeated the host Saskatoon Blades 4-2 at the Credit Union Centre on Wednesday night.

By finishing as the top team in round-robin play, the Herd were rewarded with three days off until Sunday's matchup.

"We didn't have any control about the outcome of the game tonight but our No. 1 wish was to play on Sunday," said Mooseheads coach Dominique Ducharme, speaking immediately after Wednesday's game. "Here we are, we have three days to get ready for that game and that is what we wanted."

Thursday will see the Blades, the only team that has defeated the Mooseheads thus far, take on the London Knights in the tiebreaker game. The winner of that matchup will advance to the tournament semifinal against the Winterhawks on Friday.

Ducharme said he hadn't firmed up plans for the coming days because he was awaiting the outcome of Wednesday's matchup.

"(Thursday) we'll be on the ice, we'll see what we do for Fri-



The Blades' Josh Nicholls trips over Winterhawks goalie Mac Carruth during round-robin action at the Memorial Cup on Wednesday night in Saskatoon. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

day but for sure we'll be on the ice Saturday, too."

Though happy with the three days rest, Ducharme insists his team won't hold an advantage over its championship game opponent.

"Whoever we play they would have played on Friday and then they'll get a day off on Saturday, it won't be an advantage. All we want to do is just take care of ourselves; that will remain our focus."

Come Sunday, Ducharme

Remaining games

THURSDAY Tiebreaker

London vs. Saskatoon, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY Semifinal

Portland vs. Tiebreaker win-

ner, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Championship

Halifax vs. Semifinal winner, 8 p.m.

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said the Mooseheads will be prepared for a fight.

"We'll prepare ourselves

now to make the most out of the time we've been given," he said.

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Family matters for Mooseheads

Following the Herd.

Coming from across country, siblings, parents and grandparents providing extra boost for Halifax in Saskatoon



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It wasn't so much her son's goal that made Connie Falkenham so proud on Tuesday.

It was what Ryan Falkenham did right before he fired a perfectly placed laser past London Knights goalie Anthony Stolarz.

He looked up to pass. "That's the kind of player he is, but I liked seeing him score too," said Falkenham, who came from Halifax to cheer on her boy.

Arriving from all over the country, the families that have made the trip to Saskatoon to cheer on their guy, and the entire Mooseheads team, have their own standout moment

Showing it in Saskatoon

"I felt their heartache when they lost on Sunday. But they showed the country (Tuesday) night what they can do."

Connie Falkenham, mother of Halifax Mooseheads forward Ryan Falkenham

in the Herd's Memorial Cup run.

Marie Duke, the mother of defenceman Brendan Duke, was beaming with pride after the Herd's 9-2 victory over the London Knights on Tuesday. It made her trek from Cole Harbour more than worthwhile.

"It's his character, he's a good guy with good morals," she said of her son.

Going into action Wednesday night, the Herd had at the very least earned a spot in the tournament semifinal.

The magnitude of the moment wasn't lost on Kathy MacKinnon, whose son Nathan went into Wednesday leading the entire Memorial Cup with eight points.



Family members of the Halifax Mooseheads players pose for a photo Wednesday inside the Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

"Nathan is very competitive and he said he wanted to win the Memorial Cup right from the start in August," said Kathy, who travelled from

Cole Harbour. "It's one thing to say it, it's quite another thing to stand here at the peak of their week and see that it's attainable. I'm giddy."

Jack Fucale is just simply soaking everything up.

Arriving from suburban Montreal, he knows exactly how hard his son Zach Fucale,

the Mooseheads' netminder, has worked to get here.

"We're following a dream," he said. "We're in the moment."



Mooseheads centre Brent Andrews forces Knights defenceman Nikita Zadorov on Tuesday night in Saskatoon. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

As usual, hard-working Andrews quietly getting job done for Herd

For a moment on Tuesday night, all eyes were on Brent Andrews.

So they should have been, after the Halifax Mooseheads forward streaked down the wing and ripped a zinger by London Knights goalie Jake Patterson.

Then the cameras shifted to the stars, and the Herd's veteran got on with business.

"There aren't many guys like him; he's a complete player," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme on Wednesday. "He's one of the hardest workers on the team. He can be playing against the checking line or a team's best players. He's physical, he can score big goals. He's got very good hockey sense."

The Nashville Predators prospect couldn't care less about the spotlight. He thrives in the crucial, less glamorous parts of the game, whether on the penalty kill or at the faceoff circle.

"I want to be out there in those situations," he said.

He hasn't become a strong two-way player overnight. It's taken time and hard work

and help from people like Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell.

He's hoping to crack the NHL some day, but for now he's focusing on the task at hand.

"I want to win a Memorial Cup," said Andrews. "Whatever happens as a result is a bonus."

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Sidney Crosby and Craig Anderson collide behind the Senators' net on Wednesday night in Ottawa. JANA CHYTILOVA/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Sens shelled by sure-footed Pens

NHL playoffs. Pittsburgh opens floodgates as Neal and Iginla each score twice

James Neal and Jarome Iginla each scored two goals to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 7-3 romp over the Ottawa Senators in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series Wednesday — and just one win away from advancing to the next round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Penguins now hold a 3-1 series lead heading into a

Game 4	
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pivotal Game 5 on Friday in Pittsburgh.

Chris Kunitz, Pascal Dupuis and Sidney Crosby each added a goal for the Penguins, while Milan Michalek, Kyle Turris and Daniel Alfredsson scored for the Senators.

The Senators got on the

scoreboard early in the first period — and just like Sunday's double-overtime marathon win in Game 3, they did it the hard way.

With defenceman Sergei Gonchar in the penalty box, Alfredsson fed the puck up the middle to a streaking Michalek, who broke through the Penguins defence and beat Tomas Vokoun low on the glove side to notch Ottawa's second short-handed goal of the series.

It was the Senators' first lead of the series. But it wouldn't last.

Ottawa lost a faceoff in its own end and Neal was there to pick up the loose puck in the

slot and put it in the back of the net to tie the game at one goal apiece.

Down 2-1 early in the second, Pittsburgh tied it up when Kunitz snuck behind the Senators defence and went in alone to beat Craig Anderson. Less than a minute later, Anderson gave up a rebound on a Kris Letang shot that landed right on the tape of Iginla's stick to make it 3-2 Penguins.

The Penguins kept up the pressure, scoring another four goals to make it 7-2 before Alfredsson notched his 100th career playoff point with a power-play goal late in the third period. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL. Wholesale changes behind Canucks bench

Canucks coach Alain Vigneault has paid the price for another early exit from the playoffs.

The club fired Vigneault and assistants Rick Bowness and Newell Brown on Wednesday, as the expected fallout from the Canucks' first-round sweep at the hands of the San Jose Sharks finally came to pass.

The Canucks' all-time leader in coaching wins, Vigneault led the club to six Northwest Division titles, two Presidents' Trophy titles and an appearance in the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

But Vancouver was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs the last two seasons, including the four-game loss to the Sharks. It was the first time in 12 years that the Canucks have been swept.

Vigneault leaves Vancouver with a 313-170-57 regular-season record over seven seasons, but a 33-32 record in the playoffs.

"We're in a results-oriented business and if you look at the last two playoffs we've



Alain Vigneault GETTY IMAGES

been in, we were the higher-seeded team but lost the first two games at home," Canucks president and general manager Mike Gillis said at a press conference Wednesday. "We lost consecutive games in the last two playoff years, and there comes a point in time where the message has to change and we have to be better. And we simply didn't get the result we expected." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



James sinks Pacers in Game 1

Pacers centre Roy Hibbert drags down Heat forward LeBron James on his way to the basket during Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final on Wednesday night in Miami. James hit a layup at the buzzer in overtime as the Heat took the opener 103-102. **MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES**

NFL

Offences need fear Urlacher no longer

Brian Urlacher wasn't sure how dominant he could be any longer, so he's calling it a career after 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears.

- And what a career it was:
- Eight Pro Bowl seasons.
 - Defensive Player of the Year in 2005.
 - A trip to the Super Bowl as



Brian Urlacher THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2006 NFC champion.

And now, it's over. Urlacher announced his retirement on Twitter Wednesday.

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'Coach K'

Dream Team to get some special news

Mike Krzyzewski has decided to remain coach of the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team.

Krzyzewski will try to lead the Americans to a third straight Olympic gold medal, a person with knowledge of the decision said Wednesday. Originally



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expected to step down, Krzyzewski will hold a news conference to confirm his return Thursday at Duke, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Giro d'Italia

Visconti victorious in Stage 17

Giovanni Visconti won the 17th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday to claim another solo victory, while Vincenzo Nibali maintained his grip on the overall lead. Visconti also won Sunday's 15th stage with an impressive solo climb. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Golf



"I feel sick about it and I feel truly, truly sorry."

Sergio Garcia who apologized to Tiger Woods Wednesday for saying Tuesday he would serve fried chicken if they were to have dinner at the U.S. Open, an ugly addition to nearly two weeks of verbal sparring. Garcia said he meant to give a funny answer to a playful question, but that it was "totally stupid and out of place."



The Jays celebrate Jose Bautista's walk-off single in the 10th inning of their 4-3 win over Tampa Bay on Wednesday in Toronto.
DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Extra special: Jose lights Blue Jays' way past Rays

MLB. Right-fielder's heavy-hitting heroics help ensure series victory over Tampa Bay

Jose Bautista homered twice and drove in Colby Rasmus with the winning run in the 10th inning to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday in Toronto.

Rasmus reached on an infield single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Emilio Bonifacio and advanced to third on a grounder by Munenori Kawasaki. Rasmus scored when Bautista singled off Rays reliever Kyle Farnsworth.

An inning earlier, Bautista — who had four hits and four RBIs — hit a game-tying blast off Tampa Bay closer Fernando Rodney. Reliever Aaron Loup (2-3) picked up the victory as Toronto improved to 19-27 by

taking the rubber game of the three-game series.

Tampa Bay (24-22) had taken a one-run lead in the top of the ninth. Evan Longoria hit a one-out double off Toronto closer Casey Janssen and scored on James Loney's single.

Bautista answered in the bottom half with his second rainbow shot to left field of the game. The Toronto slugger now has 11 home runs on the season.

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Olympics

Targeted drug testing needed to catch cheats: IOC

Olympic officials agree that more targeted, out-of-competition testing in high-profile sports is needed to catch the drug cheats who are escaping the net, IOC president Jacques Rogge said Wednesday.

Rogge told The Associated Press that sports leaders who attended a summit at IOC headquarters in Switzerland concluded that better testing — rather than more tests — is the best way forward in the anti-doping fight.

Drug-testing strategies and the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency were discussed at a meeting of Olympic leaders Tuesday in Lausanne.

While the IOC declined to release details on Tuesday, Rogge said in an interview that all sides agreed on the need for greater unannounced out-of-competition testing.

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Soccer. Canada poaches talent from south of border

She was born in the United States and has played all her soccer there, but Rachel Quon has been asked to join the Canadian women's team for a match against her home country.

Quon was included on Canada's roster for its sold-out June 2 friendly with the U.S. at Toronto's BMO Field. Coach John Herdman said Wednesday that Quon has a family connection that allows her to play for Canada and has accepted the invitation, although FIFA must still grant final approval.

Quon is a defender with the Chicago Red Stars in the National Women's Soccer League and also plays with the United States under-23 team.

"She's doing well in the pro leagues, she's young, she fits the profile we're looking for in that position," said Herdman.

Born in Lake Forest, Ill., and educated at Stanford, where she was named an NSCAA all-American, she played her international junior soccer with U.S. teams including the 2008 under-17 world cup team that finished second in New Zea-



Pending FIFA approval, Illinois-born Rachel Quon will suit up for Canada at a June 2 friendly against the U.S.
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land.

"Obviously the U.S. has had some interest in Rachel as well," said Herdman, who nonetheless said he is expecting a favourable decision from FIFA.

"At this stage we're waiting for the final signoff and fingers crossed it will be all good."

Quon was the only entirely new face as Canada named its roster Wednesday for the June 2 friendly.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh leads 3-1)

Wednesday's result

Pittsburgh 7 Ottawa 3

Friday's game

Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

(Boston leads 3-0)

Tuesday's result

Boston 2 NY Rangers 1

Thursday's game

Boston at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

(Detroit leads 2-1)

Monday's result

Detroit 3 Chicago 1

Thursday's game

Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.

LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

(Series tied 2-2)

Tuesday's result

San Jose 2 Los Angeles 1

Thursday's game

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS. INDIANA (3)

(Miami leads 1-0)

Wednesday's result

Miami 103 Indiana 102 (OT)

Western Conference

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio leads 2-0)

Tuesday's result

San Antonio 93 Memphis 89 (OT)

Saturday's game

San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	18	.609	—
Boston	28	19	.596	1/2
Baltimore	25	21	.543	3
Tampa Bay	24	22	.522	4
Toronto	19	27	.413	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	18	.591	—
Detroit	24	19	.558	1 1/2
Kansas City	21	22	.488	4 1/2
Chicago	21	24	.467	5 1/2
Minnesota	18	25	.419	7 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	30	17	.638	—
Oakland	25	23	.521	5 1/2
Seattle	20	27	.426	10
Los Angeles	19	27	.413	10 1/2
Houston	14	33	.298	16

Wednesday's results

Texas 3 Oakland 1
Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 3 (10)
Baltimore 6 N.Y. Yankees 3
L.A. Angels 7 Seattle 1
Boston 6 Chicago White Sox 2
Houston 3 Kansas City 1
Detroit at Cleveland
Tuesday's results
Detroit 5 Cleveland 1
Baltimore 3 N.Y. Yankees 2 (10)
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3
Oakland 1 Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 3 Boston 1
Kansas City 7 Houston 3
L.A. Angels 12 Seattle 0
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Baltimore (Gausman 0-0) at Toronto (Morrow 1-3), 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 3-4) at Detroit (Porcello 2-2), 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 3-3) at Boston (Dempster 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-7) at Kansas City (Santana 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Friday's games
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Miami at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	18	.609	—
Washington	24	23	.511	4 1/2
Philadelphia	23	24	.489	5 1/2
New York	17	27	.386	10
Miami	13	34	.277	15 1/2

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	29	16	.644	—
Cincinnati	29	18	.617	1
Pittsburgh	28	18	.609	1 1/2
Chicago	18	27	.400	11
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	26	21	.553	—
Colorado	26	21	.553	—
San Francisco	26	21	.553	—
San Diego	21	24	.467	4
Los Angeles	19	26	.422	6

Wednesday's results

Atlanta 8 Minnesota 3
Cincinnati 7 N.Y. Mets 4
L.A. Dodgers 9 Milwaukee 2
Colorado 4 Arizona 1
Washington 2 San Francisco 1 (10)
Pittsburgh 1 Chicago Cubs 0
Philadelphia 3 Miami 0
St. Louis at San Diego
Tuesday's results
Pittsburgh 5 Chicago Cubs 4
Atlanta 5 Minnesota 4 (10)
Cincinnati 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 7 Miami 3
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 5 Arizona 4 (10)
St. Louis 10 San Diego 2
San Francisco 4 Washington 2 (10)
Thursday, May 23
All times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Jackson 1-6) at Pittsburgh (Gomez 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Chances are you will waste a considerable amount of time today doing nothing. And why shouldn't you? You can't be a live wire Aries every day of the week. Goof off, but only a little.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you using up so much energy trying to change things you know cannot be changed? Yes, OK, your sense of purpose is impressive but there comes a point when it just becomes stupid. Give it up.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Sometimes it's not wise to dig deeply, especially in areas where people's secrets are concerned. If nothing else, it gives people an excuse to do a little digging in your affairs too.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If your instincts tell you that something is wrong, you must not allow loved ones to persuade you otherwise. You are entitled to your point of view and you don't have to change it for anyone.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Try to resist the urge to spend your hard-earned cash on things you don't really need. Yes, of course, there are more important things in life than money but that does not mean you should throw it away.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is something a partner needs to be told and you know it is you who must tell it. You also know they won't be happy to be made to face up to the truth. It's for their own benefit.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need a change of scene, so if you get the chance to go somewhere different today, even if it's just a walk round the block, take it. A new environment will give you a new perspective on your problems.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Whatever setbacks you may have experienced recently, your long-term outlook is good so stop worrying. You may find that hard to believe but the planets don't lie.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be tempted to open your heart and let everyone know how you feel but is that a bright idea? There are people out there who would happily use your honesty against you.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The most important thing over the next few days is that you have faith in yourself. Talent and experience are important, of course, but self-belief trumps everything.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may have to say something to a friend that sounds a bit harsh but it is for their own good. They will be stronger for it in the long-term — and they will always remember it was you who made it possible.

Pisces

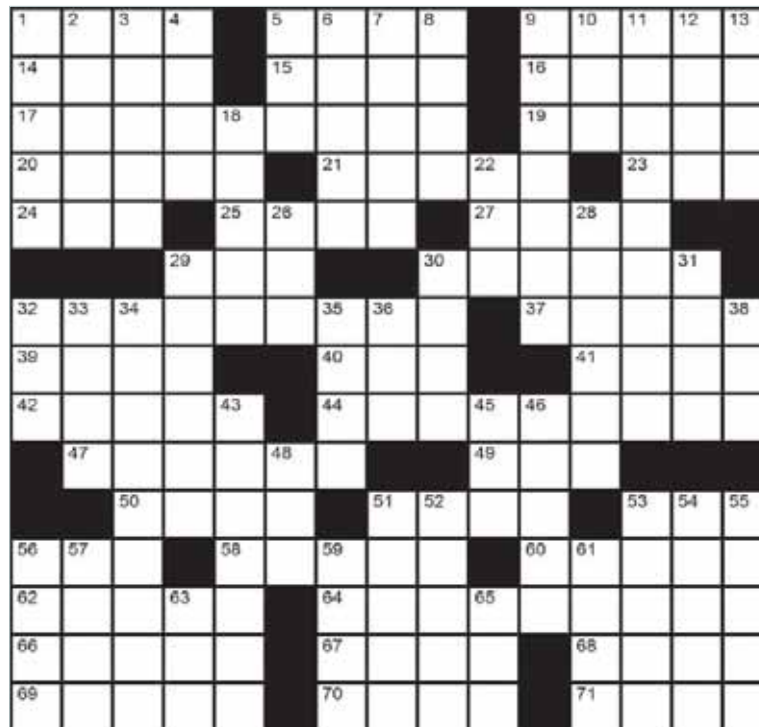
Feb. 20 - March 20

Be careful you don't jump to conclusions today, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks more with your heart than your head. Give others a chance to explain before you pass judgement. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Be unwilling/complain
- Computer company
- Upper Fort ___ (Historical site in Manitoba)
- Fertilizer ingredient
- Timbuktu's locale in Africa
- Permeate
- Vancouver's ___ Island
- "___ Fat Greek Wedding" (2002): 2 wds.
- Los Angeles basketballer
- Snake's toxin
- HS subject
- Winding shape
- Candid
- Billboard
- Note before Lah
- Pour out wine
- New Brunswick city
- Actor Chris of "American Pie"
- Take ___ dancing lesson
- Regret
- Sgt. Snorkel's comic strip dog
- Mow the grass shorter
- Johnny Depp's frequent movie director: 2 wds.
- 'Synthetica' is this Canadian band's current album
- Sort of tribute
- Workshop implement



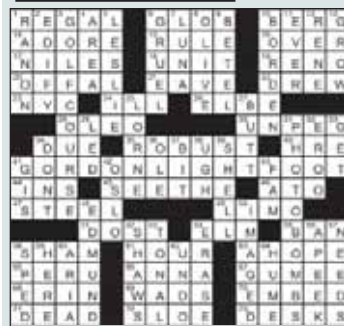
- Garbage bag brand
- Bird that's a thief
- Auto
- Actor Mr. Davis
- Ahead of time
- Visibly stunned
- French ___, as per education
- Nouveau ___ (\$\$\$)
- Its capital is Muscat

- Terrible tsar
- Gambling card game
- R&B singer, ___
- Singer Ms. Dobson
- Military instrument
- Rich tapestry
- Drip-drops
- "Citizen ___" (1941)
- "Who ___ to say?"

- Birth a bovine
- "Grey's Anatomy" star Ms. Pompeo
- Zippo ...mais en francais
- Marketing play, for instance
- Canadian singer/songwriter Ms. Sky
- 11th Prime Minister, from 1930 to 1935: _ _ _

- Destroy
- Safecracker
- High speedster's sound
- Suffix with 'Lact'
- Beta Kappa
- Apienty
- Canadian cheese giant since 1954
- Per ___ (Daily)
- Musician Mr. Puente
- Impair
- Detail
- NASCAR venue
- Federal org. concerning broadcasting
- Aujourd' ___ (Today, in French)
- ___ stick frying pan
- "Raise a Little Hell" band
- ___ constrictor
- Bovid bag
- French pronoun
- "That's mine!"
- Catrina ___ Doan, Canadian Olympian/broadcaster
- Ambition
- "We need ___ of bread." ...said the store-stuff needer
- Kathleen ___, Premier of Ontario
- Kind of fish
- Currency exchange fee
- Priority of ___
- "Like, that's ever going to happen.": 2 wds.
- "___ Loves You" by The Beatles
- Roxy Music's Brian

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	2	5	1	4	7	8	3
8	3	1	9	6	7	4	2	5
5	7	4	8	2	3	6	9	1
2	5	7	3	4	1	9	6	8
6	9	3	7	8	2	1	5	4
4	1	8	6	9	5	2	3	7
1	8	9	4	5	6	3	7	2
3	4	6	2	7	8	5	1	9
7	2	5	1	3	9	8	4	6

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		9					5	
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4				1				9

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